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REMARKS

By way of summary, Claims 1-35 were originally filed in the present application. In response to a Restriction Requirement, Applicants canceled Claims 1-22 and 35 and added Claims 36-43. By previous amendment, Applicants canceled Claim 37 and added Claims 44 and 45.

By the amendment, Applicants hereby cancel all previous claims and submit new Claims 46-56. Respectfully, all previous arguments made by the Examiner are moot in light of the fact that all previous claims have been canceled. The new claims are patentable over all known prior art because none of the prior art teaches or suggests providing a one-way valve for bronchial intra-luminal deployment while also providing a cavity within the one-way valve sufficient in size and configuration to permit the temporary storage of a releasable therapeutic compound; and providing the therapeutic compound at least partially within the cavity such that when the valve is deployed intra-luminally, the compound can be released either at a target site of deployment or proximal thereto contemporaneously with deployment or thereafter.

Conclusion


The undersigned has made a good faith effort to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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